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My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,596,663, granted January 21, 1997, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled FIBER OPTIC MODULE,

the specification of which

is attached hereto.
 was filed on January 29, 2004 as reissue application number 10 / 766,488
and was amended on January 29, 2004.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verify belief the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

by reason of a defective specification or drawing.
 by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.
 by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

Patent claims 1; 7-10, 27, 32, 41, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54 and 58 claim a fiber optic module comprising first and second frames. However, the recitation "first and second frames" in, for example, patent claim 1 constitutes an error because the listed claims were inadvertently limited to at least two frames whereas a frame comprising a single integral unit could be employed for holding the circuit board, laser diode module and photodiode module. Claims 59-64, for example, are added and recite a fiber optic module comprising "a frame." Further, claims 66, 69, 80, 82, 86, 89, 100, and 102 are added and recite a fiber optic module comprising "a housing."

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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